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ME. I never thought I would ever get such returns from that ad in The NEWS.

WANTS, LOST, ETC.
Notices under this head inserted one week for 25 cents. Three weeks for 50 cents.

FOR SALE.
Anybody wishing to buy a wheel at an extremely low price should examine mine. It is a Crawford wheel, in excellent condition, and will be sold for \$25.00.
MISS E. BARKER.
Bethel, Maine.

WANTED.
The Boys and Girls in Oxford County who read the Bethel News to save the votes contained therein for me, and to the one who will send the largest number between now and June 17th I will give a nicely bound book of the "Jack Harkaway" series.
Wm. H. Holmes, Bethel, Me.

TO LET.
Shop to let on Main St. Nice clean shop, city water. Suitable for barber shop, meat shop, or any small business. Two good rooms in first-class repair. Shop will be rented to right parties reasonable.
H. A. Packard.

WANTED—THE PEOPLE TO KNOW
that H. & W. Farwell are agents for the Great Eastern Fertilizers. They are the best Fertilizers for the money for which they can be purchased. You will save money by placing your orders with them.
H. & W. Farwell.

AGENTS WANTED.
In every city and town in Maine for STEARNS, TOURIST, TRIBUNE, and PIERCE Bicycles. Apply at once to F. O. BAILEY & CO., State Agents, 40 Exchange Street, Portland, Maine.
Mention the News.

FOR SALE.
A few tons of good English hay
L. L. Mason,
Bethel, Me.

WANTED.
Anyone wishing to buy an organ, to know that by calling at the NEWS office they can see the greatest bargain ever offered in Oxford county.

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For Sale!
One three-spring wagon suitable for business or pleasure, very light, extra fine, high backed seats, lined with leather, for a very low price.
Also set of double harness; is of best oak leather, genuine rubber trimmings, breast plate and collar made to order. Also one shifting pole latest style. : : :
1 Side Spring Riding Wagon.
—The above are mostly new goods—
Also 1 Good Family Mare—safe, sound and kind. Good driver, great roader, all right in every way. Safe for ladies and children.
All for sale cheap as the owner has no place to keep the same. Call or address
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Lovejoy House,
W. F. Lovejoy & Son, Prop'rs.
BETHEL HILL, . . . MAINE.
This popular house has been repaired since last season, the stable and buildings have been moved to the rear of the house, thus leaving the view of the Mountains unobstructed. Families wanting a quiet summer home will find this one of the most desirable places in the Mountain region.

A. W. GROVER,
Pension : Attorney,
BETHEL, MAINE.
I desire to call the attention of all who had claims in the hands of the late J. C. Rich, Esq., that I have his papers and books pertaining to such claims and am continuing prosecution of such claims wherever desired. Please correspond or call at my office, where you will find me on the three last days of the week.
Correspondence attended to at any time.

E. L. JEWELL
MERCHANT TAILOR.
SOUTH PARIS, MAINE,
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BETHEL LOCALS.

Items of Interest. What Our People Talk About.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Ell F. Stearns was in Berlin, Monday.

J. C. Billings was in Lewiston, Saturday.

Paper for the school children at News office.

Interest in the bicycle contest is at a white heat.

Mrs. O. M. Mason is in Berlin, N. H., with her daughter.

Matthew Benson of Portland was in town, Wednesday.

Mr. E. A. Wyman made a short stop in Bethel, Wednesday.

Mr. Lewis Pratt is to move his family to Bethel this week.

Ansel Dudley of Bryant Pond was in this village, Thursday.

Alonso Howe who is working in Gorham, N. H., was in town, Sunday.

Mr. Ed Smith and wife have received a little stranger in their home.

Mrs. Ceylon Rowe and Mrs. Belle Godwin went to Auburn, Saturday, returning Monday.

The annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of Oxford county will meet in Bethel, May 18 and 19.

The late rains have swollen the Androscoggin river, so that the logs are running exceedingly well.

Fred M. Allen, formerly of Bethel, but now in J. E. Gould's drug store, Portland, was in this village, Monday.

Last Monday, J. M. Philbrook sent eight cows, one hundred, and thirty-one veal calves to Brighton.

Mr. S. A. Brock has recently visited friends in Bethel. Mr. Brock has purchased a farm in Hanover and will reside there.

J. L. Chapman of Frye, Me., was in Bethel, Monday. He says he has done an excellent winter's work, and has his birch nearly all sawed out.

Mrs. Russell is expected to arrive at Riverside, Cottage Wednesday, P. M. She will be accompanied by her daughter, Shirley, and Miss Mary Shirley.

Mr. Fred Chandler has been transferred from the freight office to the telegraph office, where he will do the day work and keep the freight books.

Mount Abraham Lodge I. O. O. F. appointed a committee Saturday evening to confer with the Rebekahs concerning the observance of Memorial day.

Porter Farwell of East Bethel, was in this village, Monday. He put about two hundred and seventy five cords of spruce pulp wood upon the river the past winter.

How many of our readers would like to have a fountain pen which will last for years? Let such notice the ad. "Given Away," in another column.

The Auxiliary to the W. B. F. M. also the Maine Missionary society will meet in Garland Chapel Friday P. M. All ladies interested in mission work are cordially invited.

Any one in need of picture frames should not fail to examine Miss L. C. Hall's new line. She has a large assortment in rich designs and can suit the most fastidious.

One of our well known citizens, whose truth and veracity none would question, related the following in the News' office recently: The ladies have a great faculty for changing the appearance of their homes, simply by rearranging their furniture occasionally, and this fact never came to him more suddenly than when he went to his sleeping room one night in the season of house cleaning, disrobed in the dark, and jumped for the bed, only to pick himself up from the corner of the room and begin a system of searching on all fours for the bed which had been moved during the day to the opposite side of the room.

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GILMAN CHAPMAN WAS AT LOCKE MILLS, FRIDAY.

Edward King was in Norway Friday on business.

Mrs. Albert Farwell visited in Gorham last week.

Addison S. Bean of Mason was in Bethel, Thursday.

Judge Foster is attending Supreme Court at Houlton.

Adelbert Perry of Boston was visiting in town last week.

Robert Foster was in Portland last week negotiating for a sailboat.

The subject of the discourse at the M. E. church next Sunday morning will be "A Mind to Work."

Seventy million people know Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, strengthens the system and gives good health.

It was voted at the last rehearsal of the Bethel Chorus to furnish music at the baccalaureate address before the graduating class of Gould's Academy.

A. M. Edwards of Boston, New England manager of the Sheldon & Co. Publishing House of New York was in town one day last week and made a pleasant call at the News office.

Water pipes freezing April 20, and picking pansy blossoms May 1, seems a strange mixture of coincidences, yet several reports that their water pipes froze on the first date mentioned and Mr. Bert Rowe picked a nice bouquet of pansies on the last date.

The Ladies' Club met with Mrs. Purinton Thursday P. M. The study of musical composers was continued. Handel and Haydn being the characters considered. Current events and quotations, and a short entertainment by the graphophone closed a pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Banister N. Chapman has just received a telegram from Mellan, Idaho, announcing the death of her brother, Mark T. Wright, who has been in the far West since 1864. For the past few years he has been interested in silver mining. He was fifty-three years old.

Last Saturday P. M., the members of the Columbian Club met at the home of the president, Miss Annie M. Frye. The programme was of unusual interest and several of the finest papers were read and discussed. A very pleasing feature, which however was not on the programme, was the social hour and the serving of light refreshments. All who have been so fortunate as to be entertained by Miss Frye know what a pleasing and gracious hostess she is. The members of the Club are of one accord in appreciation of her efforts for the interest of the club and she has proved herself not only a pleasing hostess but in every way a most graceful and charming president. This closed the meetings for '96 and '97. The same course, Grecian history, will be taken up next year.

Truth in a Nutshell.
Impure blood is the natural result of close confinement in house, school room or shop.

Blood is purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and all the disagreeable results of impure blood disappear with the use of this medicine.

If you wish to feel well, keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

HOOD'S PILLS are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Gentle, reliable, sure.

Brands of Fertilizers which can be legally sold in Maine.

The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station has just issued a Special Bulletin giving the names of fertilizer manufacturers who have complied with the law and a list of brands that can be lawfully sold in the State. This is of especial importance to dealers as they are liable if they sell, unlicensed brands.

This Bulletin will be sent to all who apply to the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, Orono, Maine.

A prominent western newspaper recommends flax seed tea as an excellent remedy for whooping cough. It may be good but it is not to be compared with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation will allay the violent fits of coughing and make them frequent and less severe. It also liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate. Complete recovery is much quicker, too, when this remedy is given. There is no danger in giving it to small children, as it is a pleasant syrup and contains nothing injurious. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant Pond.

CALIFORNIA LETTER.

Pomona, Cal., April 6, 1897.
Dear Bethel News:

"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear upon the earth;
the time of the singing of birds has come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land:

The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines, with the tender grape give a good smell."

Song of Solomon.

This which was written so long ago of spring in the Judean world, I quote, as it so fitly applies to our own California spring at this present time—and the description is given in so few words.

This section of our country has so many features of resemblance to the Holy Land that it seems another book might be written descriptive of California as compared with those old Bible lands and called "Our Palestine." The points of difference however, it is said, are in favor of our own fair land of promise. Here are the snow-covered mountains, the green hills, and the rich fertile valleys. In the ravines are the fountains of water-brooks, and the rivers that run to the sea; lakes and pools—and in places lakes of pitch, like that with which God told Noah to pitch the ark within and without, and beyond all lies the desert country.

The same growth of trees, shrubs, and herbs of the field are found here as in those old lands. Here will be seen the pine, the cedar, the cypress, the juniper, and the fir-tree; the oak, the sycamore, the willow, the Balm of Gilead, the acacia, (or shittim wood) the bay tree, the camphor, and the palm; the citron, the orange, the date, the almond, the olive, and the fig-tree; the pomegranate of the Bible is here, and the myrrh and aloes, and the herbs of scripture mention.

The mountains and hills yield gold and silver and precious stones. Here it is possible for people to dwell in tents with comfort throughout the year. Here are flocks, and shepherds to watch over them; and cattle upon a thousand hills; the ass and the mule for beasts of burden are in common use.

The wheat and the barley have their old-time place as food and feed, though machinery, and the inventions which men have sought out have supplanted the threshing floor of primitive days. Here are the vineyards and the wine press and here the olive is a valued article of food, and we have the oil, corn, and wine. The birds are as tame, and the cock crows the hours of the night. We have the winter rains, and dry summer months, in which irrigation is needed. The glorious sun shines down through skies as blue, and pervades everywhere; the moonlight and starlight have as profound depths of beauty here as there. One reads the Book with better understanding than is possible when the climate and conditions are so altogether dissimilar.

California is freer from winds, and sand-storms, because of the high mountain wall which separates us from the desert; and the heat is less intense because of the cool sea-breeze which never fails, save when a desert wind sweeps through a mountain pass. Then for a day or two the sea-breeze is driven back by force of the hot wind, and we learn what gave California its name (hot turnace.) But it is a misnomer, on all but these few days, and belongs not to the southern part of the state, where the summers are too delightful for one to wish the time to hasten by.

The winter which is past was ideal from first to last, unless I make exception of a shower which came in the last of February as a clearing up shower to a three days rain. The snow fell in great flakes like what we call in Maine a "sugar snow," and lasted about three hours, melting as it fell on the plain, but remaining white upon the hills for two days or so—and the mountains were solid white, an arctic scene as one looked above, and around the green earth and the oranges not then harvested. It was a novel sight for a semi-tropic land; but no harm came of it, and "all's well that ends well."

Now is the real spring-time, the "sweet of the year," the orchards all in bloom; the prune trees with their green-tinged white, and the peach with their pinkest pink blossoms, over acres and acres wherever one looks. The season is a little late, and the orange trees are not yet in bloom, though the tiny white waxy buds show the promise of profuse blossoming a little later. One does not here mind the earliness or lateness of the season, as we have the green from the time of the first rains, and flowers all the way through winter and spring alike, only less varieties during the colder months. There are plenty of flowers, but the roses are just now coming in abundance, and it is hoped may be in time for the Fiesta in Los Angeles on Flower day. Callas of immense size are seen blooming in all the grounds and gardens, and are gathered in hundreds for use in decorations; and of other flowers there is no lack. The California poppy is the favorite wild flower, and this year they are of great size, some of the flowers measuring nearly five inches across. The fields and way-sides are all some flower-color, and many of these are beautiful enough for cultivation if one would take the trouble to transplant them. As seen under a microscope, the most insignificant of these little road-side flowers is a marvel of beauty and perfectness, and yet how little notice is given to these little things of God's handiwork which are as carefully fashioned and as beautiful in color as those which are more noticed and honored.

The orange season is now about over, only the later varieties of fruit waiting for shipment. It has been a most favorable season in all respects, as there has been neither frost nor wind to cause harm, or loss of fruit. It is feared the apricot crop will be a failure here again this year, owing to frosts which came at the time the trees were in full bloom. The gardens are made; the berries are in blossom; the willow trees are nearly in full leaf, and the spring has come to stay, though the mountain-tops are white with snow.

E. T. R.

Resolutions on the Death of J. G. Rich.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97, F. & A. M. Bethel, Me., April 8, 1897.

WHEREAS Our Heavenly Father before whose will we humbly and reverently bow, has removed by death another member of our Lodge, in the person of J. G. Rich, Thenceupon as a Lodge be it

RESOLVED: That while we recognize the goodness and justice of our Common Father in all his ways, we at the same time, mourn the loss of our dear Brother.

RESOLVED: That we bear witness to his noble qualities as a member of our Fraternity, as a citizen, and as a neighbor, ever filled as he was with the spirit of Christian Charity for the good of others.

RESOLVED: That in our common affliction we tender our heartfelt sympathy, to the relatives and friends of the deceased.

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased, and to our local paper for publication. Also that they be spread upon the records of our Lodge.

A. W. Grover, Committee
Chas. Mason,
L. L. Mason, Resolutions.

Resolutions on the Death of Adelbert C. Scribner.

BETHEL LODGE No. 97, F. & A. M. Bethel, April 8, 1897.

WHEREAS, God, the Father of our Bodies and Father of our Spirits, has again decreed that death shall enter our Lodge and take from its members our esteemed Brother, Adelbert C. Scribner, and called him to the Lodge above, where pain and death cannot enter, and where the Great Architect of the Universe presides.

THEREFORE, we deem it but just that we pay a fitting tribute to him whose memory we still cherish. Therefore,

RESOLVED: That while God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform, we do not the less lament the loss of our brother.

RESOLVED: That in the death of Brother Scribner, Bethel Lodge No. 97, F. & A. M., has lost a worthy member, the community in which he lived a kind friend and neighbor.

RESOLVED: That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the afflicted family in their bereavement, and commend them to him who has promised in word, to be a present help in time of need.

L. T. Barker, Committee
J. C. Billings, on
M. W. Chandler, Resolutions.

With eggs at 10 or 12 cents a dozen, potatoes at 25 cents to 40 cents a barrel and apples at 0, as one Maine reporter puts it, nobody in Maine should go hungry in these days.

A Yarmouth man's house boasts a pane of glass over 80 years old, that has been through two hailstorms that shattered every other pane of glass in the window to fragments.

That Trip To The City.

BY ADDIE KENDALL MASON.
So you think I might write you a story About our trip to the city one day; When we hitched "Lady E" to the cutter

And went "over the hills away." I think you remarked that some one You knew had a streak of pride; Because she borrowed a "head gear" With a good looking fellow to ride.

"That has nothing to do with the story?" Ah, sir! but it has, I say— But for the loan of that same little bonnet.

I'd not have gone to the city that day. Calm and still was that morning, But the snow fell like down through the air, And off on the distant mountains The trees were all frosted and fair.

Our load it was light and our runners smooth, The sleighing, it never was beat, The sleigh bells' chime rang a merry rhyme.

And our nag she was sure and fleet. When the sun shown out through the hazy clouds Many miles we had traveled o'er; Hills and vales we had left behind And reached a fair lake's shore, Where a grand new house reared its lofty walls

O'erlooking the ice-bound lake, With balconies, towers and stately halls— It was built some money to make. And down some steps through a little grove

We discovered a place so neat, Where to the gayest of merry tunes Oft lightly tripped nimble feet.

Next we came to the round spring house, Wasn't thirsty so didn't call; I noticed the windmill, the bottling house And even that old stone wall.

And I wondered and thought it very queer Why they piled those rocks in a heap, I'd have dumped them over into the lake.

In that water they surely would keep. On we went through the frosty air Through long deep hollows, up little hills; Till we came out onto Hampshire street; And was soon in the city of mills.

Sights? O! yes, there were many, At which I, from the country, could gaze; On the bridge I stopped to look at the falls And the spray with its rainbow rays.

While I thought, if I were a painter How that scene I would love to paint; "Grace Rock" is still there from which sprang the girl.

Who can tell, was she sinner or saint? Can anyone tell what her thoughts were? As down to her death she sank? Did anyone know what her motive was? Why she sprang from the shelving bank?

Ah! years have passed since that happened, I must not stand dreaming here; But pass on to the other city That is built by the river near. Shops, mills, stores and houses, I looked till my eyes grew blind; And often I thought while looking Of the friends we left behind.

In the good, old town by the river With its streets of glistening snow; Where its people all love fine homes And delight to see fast ones "go." We were tired when homeward we started And quietly rode along.

While the crannah of "Lady's" heel cals Kept time to the bells' mad song. When we reached your home that evening We sat round the fire so gay; Telling of nonsensical happenings In our trip to the city that day.

And when "old age" has caught us And his arms enfold us tight, With pleasure we'll think of our city trip And the welcome at home that night.

Letter From Capt. R. B. Grover.
Brookton, Mass., April 30, 1897. The Bethel News, Bethel, Maine.

Dear Sir: I want to ask you to send my Bethel News to my mother, Mrs. B. M. Temple, 45 Cottage Street, Brookton, Mass.

I leave with my wife on June 2nd for England and Europe, to be gone four months and as my mother is very anxious to read the Bethel News I thought it would be best to have it forwarded right to her and then she could have it to read. She has become so attached to it that it is like a letter from an old friend.

I did expect to spend a week or two in Bethel this summer and should have, had it not been for this trip I am going to take to-day. Bethel is as dear to me as bread and butter, and I think more so. I think the older anyone grows the more they think of their old home where they were born and received their education. I have always taken a great interest in my native town and hope that I always shall. I hope you will make a success of your paper, which I think you are entitled to.

Yours very truly,
R. B. Grover.

WHEN bilious or constive, eat a Cascara, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c, 25c.

WOMEN'S CHIT-CHAT.

"From Grave to Gay, From Lively to Severe."

SUNDAY:
"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

MONDAY:
"He mourns the dead who lives as they desire." Young.

TUESDAY:
"Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control. These three alone lead life to sovran power." Canon Farrar.

WEDNESDAY:
"When over dizzy heights we go, One soft hand blinds our eyes, The other leads us safe and slow. O love of God most wise."

THURSDAY:
"We owe something to those who trust us: We owe it them not to disappoint them." "H. H."

FRIDAY:
"God knows best what hearts are counted his."

SATURDAY:
"The look, the air that fret thy sight, May be a token that below The soul hath closed its deadly fight With some infernal, fiery foe, Whose glance would scorch thy smiling grace, And cast thee shuddering on thy face."

"He came from a disreputable neighborhood."

"He frequented the homes of doubtful people."

"He broke the Sabbath."

"He stirred up the good people of the church and made trouble."

"He drank wine to excess."

"He spoke irreverently of the Old Testament."

His friends were of a calibre "about whom no good thing was ever heard."

And the man about whom the so-called "best people" of his time were speaking was—the Christ of God, and his despised friends were the early Christians who were accused of indulging in frightful and inhuman orgies, when they met in the Catacombs of Rome for their worship of the "One True God!"

O, our prejudices! In shame and humiliation must we all confess that we, too, are of the same blood as the "holier than thou" people of eighteen hundred years ago, and only by wholesome and righteous self-contempt can we ever be cleansed from the just condemnation that befell them.

Go where you will over this earth, you will find that the person of narrow vision and limited experiences is almost invariably suspicious; quick to impute the lowest motives; ready to condemn. In the true peasant class, crushed by circumstances into pitifully narrow channels of thought, with few opportunities for comparison, the new is always to be feared, dreaded, and, if possible, avoided. A stranger is an enemy, and just in proportion as we rise above the peasant level do we become emancipated from distrust of the unknown.

Perhaps in no one thing do we show where we belong as by our readiness or unreadiness to recognize that one unlike ourselves may possess virtues, and to hold ourselves cordially willing to find them out.

It is appalling to see the contrary spirit express itself in circles where there has been no lack of opportunities. "I always expect to dislike a stranger," calmly remarked a Boston woman. "You are probably

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Rumford Falls, C. Clifton.

Bethel, Maine, May 5th. 1897.

EDITORIAL COLUMN

President and Mrs. McKinley, with the members of the cabinet, and their wives, visited New York last week to attend the dedication of the Grant Monument.

The death of William Steel Holman, known as the "great objector," leaves but two Congressmen, who were in Congress before the war, namely: Senator Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont, and Hon. Galusha A. Grow, representative from Pennsylvania.

Congress has practically taken a vacation the past week, the lower house having been in session less than an hour for the entire week. The reason for this rest is the death of Congressman Holman of Indiana, together with the dedication of the Grant monument in New York City.

It is rumored that Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss, Secretary of the Interior, is to resign on account of the demands of his private business. Several names are suggested as those likely to succeed him, but the most prominent is that of H. Clay Evans, the present Commissioner of Pensions. Mr. Evans is widely known as a man of marked abilities and would be a worthy man for this position of honor.

The Bethel Creamery.

W. K. Hamlin, the popular dairyman of South Waterford, has leased the Bethel creamery and took possession of same May 1. Mr. Hamlin's successful management of the creamery at South Waterford for the past five years has given him an enviable reputation among the creamery men of New England. He understands full well the various requirements which must be met in order to manufacture a superior quality of butter, and the fact that he has always insisted that each requirement in its turn be met, explains the reason why his butter has taken the first medals in New England state and county fairs.

Mr. Hamlin met the patrons of the Bethel creamery in Pattee's Hall, Friday afternoon and explained his methods of procedure and what must be done in order that the producers might realize better prices for their butter. He said, "We all feel that it is desirable to get the highest prices for our products, and the all important question is how to do so. It seems to me that we, in our country, lose sight of the importance of quality, or in other words, of making the goods worth the price we wish to obtain. It must be allowed, that in these times of close competition and large production, in order to get the high or satisfactory price, the goods must have merit or quality first, and second the consumer must in some way be made to know it." He then told us of some of the odds against which the butter business in this state is compelled to struggle, among which was mentioned our inability to operate the separator system owing to the sparsely populated districts from which the cream is gathered, but he believes as we are confronted by these disadvantages the only thing to do is to make the most of the system at our hands and perfect it as far as possible; and much useful instruction was given us concerning the way that the cream should be treated in order that the best butter could be made from it. One thing being noted especially that it should never be allowed to freeze. The following rules were adopted by the patrons:

1st. All tanks in which milk or cream is set shall be kept clean and sweet, and located where they will not be affected by odors from the barn, or any other odors which may be injurious to the flavor of butter.

2nd. The temperature in said tank shall be no warmer than 47 deg. F., and not colder than 45 deg. F., being the most desirable temperature; and that cream shall be kept in such tank until taken therefrom by the collector.

3rd. Collectors shall be inspectors of cream, and shall be forbidden to take any which is dirty, sour, frozen, or for any reason which in their judgment renders it unfit for the manufacture of high-grade butter, until such objection or neglect on the part of the patron is corrected.

4th. It shall be the duty of all patrons to report at the factory any incompetency or negligence on the part of any collector in his capacity as such.

All errors should be reported at once for correction.

The fact that the success of a creamery depends far more upon the quality

than upon the quantity of its product, necessitates that the practice of any patron tending to lower the standard of grade of that product should be discouraged, and each patron be dropped from the list, in justice to all concerned. Our people seemed much pleased to meet Mr. Hamlin and learn something of the means whereby he has attained the position which he is privileged to occupy in the creamery business in Maine. The fact that he has in so short a time established the reputation which he is permitted to enjoy is positive reason why the patrons of Bethel creamery who are anxious not only to receive good returns for their products but to see the creamery occupy a position in the front ranks should give him their cordial co-operation.

TOWN TOPICS

Arbor Day next Monday.

The thermometer at 75° to-day.

John Wright of Gilead was in town, Tuesday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. E. Merrill, Thursday P. M.

The grass fields are looking exceedingly well for this time of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Howe of East Bethel were in this village Tuesday.

S. N. Buck arrived home last night after a two weeks' trip on the road.

F. W. Flood principal of Gould's Academy, was in Brunswick, Saturday.

Rev. A. Hamilton will preach at Newry Corner next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Miss Grace Carter came home from New York, Tuesday to spend her vacation with her mother.

The Literary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. C. Bisbee, tomorrow afternoon at half past two.

The Christian Endeavors will hold a social in Garland Chapel Friday evening, May 7. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Grace Skillings of Harvard, Mass., with her little son is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grover.

The Ladies' Circle will meet in the lecture room of the M. E. church this afternoon at three o'clock. Election of officers.

The members of the Bethel Cycle Club and all interested in the Club are requested to meet at the News office Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Miss Burnham's window in Cole block receives many compliments. It was a happy thought to decorate in emerald, the color for May, and the dainty millinery displayed takes an added charm in this pretty setting.

Indeed, May has come! Miss Hall's window, with its pretty may-baskets, pretty enough to be the envy of the small boy or girl and make the blushing maiden just hope that some lad will hang one of those "just too lovely" baskets to her, proclaims that the time for real fun has arrived.

We are pleased to inform the many friends and inquirers of Miss Jane Gibson that she is rapidly recovering from the severe and successful operation she underwent at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Portland, under the hands of Dr. Gordon. She speaks highly of the doctor who performed the operation, of the hospital, and nurses.

Mr. Snyder sang "I know that my Redeemer liveth" from the Messiah, at the Congregational church on Sunday morning, with great dignity and feeling. Mr. Snyder has the gift of insight into the spirit of reverent church music, and gives great pleasure by singing to us the gems of classical music, which have given expression to the religious life of great composers. We would call grateful attention to the perfectly sympathetic accompaniment Miss Hall never fails to render when these difficult compositions are given. Miss Hall's exquisite taste never fails to find the strict requirements of church music—and there are very few country churches where one can, year in and year out, look forward to the organ-playing as such real aid to worship. Her absolute lack of self-assertion makes one the more ready to give her the well-deserved recognition of being an unusual amateur organist. "Patience" is excellent permanent," says Emerson, and if you ask the old-time musicians what most impressed them in hearing Jenny Lind, they invariably unite in asserting, "Nothing was ever equal to hearing her sing 'I know that my Redeemer liveth.' It was the climax of Christian assurance, and artistic ability."

Pale and Thin

Could Not Help Himself for Three Months—Impure Blood Causes Great Suffering—How Relief Came—Better than Ever Before.

"I have been in poor health owing to impure blood, weak stomach, biliousness and sick headaches, ever since I was a child eight years old. I have suffered everything for the past 14 years. I got so low that I could not help myself for three months, and was pale and thin. My neighbors did not expect me to live through the winter. I asked my doctor if I could take Hood's Sarsaparilla and he said that I could take as much of it as I liked. I very soon found it helped me very much. I continued its use until I had taken six bottles, and at that time I looked better than I ever did since I can remember. I shall never be without Hood's Sarsaparilla as long as I can get it. It helped me more than any other medicine that I have ever taken. I advise anyone who is in poor health to try this great blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla. I owe my life to this medicine." Eliza A. Russell, Box 175, Claremont, N. H. All druggists, \$1.00 per bottle. Get only Hood's.

Mrs. Fred Cole and child from Washington, arrived at D. W. Cole's, East Bethel, Tuesday.

John Currie has leased the farm of the late Geo. P. Kimball and will soon move from his rent on Railroad street.

Mr. A. G. Smith received quite a severe injury in one of his eyes, a few days ago, and came near losing its sight. It was caused by a silver flying from a stick of wood which he was splitting.

The following officers were elected Monday evening by the Bethel Library Association for the ensuing year:

Pres., Mrs. G. R. Wiley.

V. Pres., Mrs. A. E. Herrick.

Sec'y, Miss Annie M. Frye.

Treas., Mrs. O. M. Mason.

Trustees: Miss P. M. Buxton, Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Miss Alice Purinton, Rev. F. E. Barton, Mr. A. M. True, Mr. H. C. Rowe.

In passing down Main St. one cannot fail to be attracted by the window of our popular milliner, Miss E. E. Burnham. It is decorated with one of the leading colors of the season and the perfect blending of the shades as they are arranged shows the taste and ingenuity of Bethel's milliners. This seldom that one finds in a village the size of ours as complete a line of millinery goods as is found in Miss Burnham's store and the courtesy awaiting those who enter the store together with the up-to-date styles found therein are irresistible attractions to the seeker of spring and summer hats.

Secretary's Report of the Bethel Library Association for the Year Ending May 3.

Dear Friends:

Your Secretary comes before you this evening with a report not made up of experiments or suggestions which have recently been made crystallized, but with words to tell anew, how our aims were so distinctly outlined when this Association came into existence, that it has become the least possible effort to keep in touch with the activities of the universe, as far as our limited resources will permit, in directing the taste of our patrons into the most wholesome and useful channels of thought, by placing within their reach the most valuable and timely books published, and our library should be the pet object of our village. No institution has ever attained lasting success unless its foundation is securely laid in truth and fairness.

The machinery of the world is undoubtedly carried on by the great masses of mankind working through certain forces; this force, this creative energy, is said to be found in only a small number of persons, and certainly some energy has ever been developed through the force of the strong individuality of woman since the institution of the Bethel Library Association in 1879.

"In the glorious nineteenth century of privilege and light," whoever has watched the progress of the higher education in our country, and especially in New England, cannot have failed to realize that every theory of education developed largely upon woman for development, and the questions involved in this line of work are numerous and mighty. Women are in the majority as teachers, and the day will doubtless come when duties of school superintendents will become more equally divided among the sexes.

The Woman's Club has thrown much energy and influence into library work and the course is that of consistent progress, for in many states traveling libraries have been established through the effort of the Club Woman, and now that our own little village has a sufficient number of Clubs and club women to warrant the success of our recently organized Federation, let us hope to see women working in lines of missionary effort for a larger share of success for this Association.

The year just ending has been successful. The librarian reports that the growing tendency for the better class of books is quite noticeable from year to year. This year there has been circulated 3,135 volumes. We have received donations of books from kind friends in New York and Boston, and through the courtesy of Messrs. Ricker and Fernald of Potomac Springs, a finely illustrated history of that far famed town has been added to our catalogue. Our catalogue now contains 1,700 volumes; ninety having been added during this year, a fine number, considering there has been no entertainments for raising money.

The money receipts are as follows: from loan of books and membership fees, \$57.11; town-meeting dinner, \$12.60; interest on Mason note, \$6.00; total, \$75.71. To a larger corporation this would seem a meager sum, yet to this Association its an independent fortune since we have no debts to battle with, and are able to meet all demands promptly. We believe that "Patience" is the fair handmaid and daughter of Faith," for in the beginning the Association did not expect to achieve great results all at once, but with patience as well as zeal, it is justly proud of its successes to date. Let us as an Association improve whatever opportunities may come to us for broadening our minds, deepening our sympathies and enlarging our views.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie M. Frye, Sec'y.

Children's Column.

A-Rogue.

Grandma was nodding, I rather think, Harry was shy and quick as a wink. He climbed in the back of her great arm-chair.

And nestled himself very snugly there;

Grandma's dark locks were mingled with white,

And quick this fact came to his sight; A sharp twinge soon she felt at her hair,

And woke with a start to find Harry there.

"Why, what are you doing, my child?"

He answered, "I see pulling a-basting thread!"

"The most likely object to be come a woman,—A little girl."

"A boy is never so happy as when the family is moving and he walks through the streets to this new house wearing a table on his head."

A boy's reason. "I'm going to be a minister," said Tommy, "forever."

"Why, Tommy, dear," asked his father, "so's I can talk in church," said Tommy.

"He's your first cousin, isn't he?" said an old lady to six-year-old Freddy, alluding to a new baby, of whom Freddy was very fond.

"Oh, no," replied Freddy. "I had two cousins before he was born."

We publish a few riddles for the boys and girls to guess. How many can answer them correctly? We would be pleased to have the boys and girls answer as many of the conundrums as they can; write a letter for the Children's Department of the News, and send a riddle to be published in the next issue of the paper. Let us see how many good guessers we have among the News readers. Answers given next week. Address letters to, Children's Department, Bethel News, Bethel, Maine.

Riddles.

1. What is it that runs on one wheel and two legs?

2. I'm sometimes gay and sometimes times lorn;

I'm liken, shattered, fair, or torn;

I'm always striped with colored bars,

And night and day I show my stars.

The boys and girls look up to me, And cheer and cheer at sight of me.

3. What is it that gets ahead by going round and round?

4. Short, long, slim, hard, cold, blind, flat-headed, and good for nothing unless pounded. What is it?

5. It takes four letters me to make. Should I stand, my head I shake.

Should you choose to cut off my head, I am what to me was fed.

Upton, Maine.

I will try and write to you as have never written before. I go to school and study reading, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, history, physiology, and writing. There are about thirty scholars, that go to our school. Our school kept eleven weeks last winter and I did not miss a day. Our teacher's name was Fred O. Godwin and we liked him very much.

I have for pets, two dogs; their names are Watch and Prince, and two kittens whose names are Olive and Mabel, and an old cat whose name is Villa.

I live quite near the Umbagog Lake, and in the winter I have fine times playing on the ice. In the summer I go boat-riding and catch fish. Well, I have written quite a letter so I will close for this time. I will write again if this is printed. I am twelve years old and my name is

Lizzie C. Brown.

East Stoneham.

Dear Editor:

I am a little girl nine years of age. I attend school only part of the time, for I live a mile from the schoolhouse. I have a pet dog, I call her Brownie. I have three cats and a Canary bird. I live at the foot of a large pond, and I expect to catch lots of fish this summer.

Ivie M. Brown.

New Subscribers.

The following subscribers have been added to our list the past week:

P. N. Buxton.

Chas. F. Brown.

Mrs. L. C. Trask.

Mrs. Alma Judkins.

D. D. Pevely.

Angela Dudley.

Chas. R. Dunham.

J. A. Titus.

S. H. Libby.

Geo. O. Jones.

F. D. Small.

A. L. Rowe.

N. M. Small.

T. R. Day.

Jas. H. Godwin.

W. K. Hamlin.

Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Maine General Hospital.

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W. B. Johnson.

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LOCKE MILLS.

Mrs. A. L. Emery spent a day with her mother, Mrs. George Crooker, of Norway, recently.

Hastings Bros. have a carload of fence wire and nails, purchased at prices enabling them to sell at less than wholesale.

Percy Farnham has been offered and accepted a situation in the school mill, and has been at work about two weeks.

School commenced at the village Monday, April 26th. James S. Hutchins of South Bethel, teacher.

Mrs. Annie Emery carries the scholars from Howe Hill.

W. H. Farnham had a cow badly injured in the pasture, Thursday of last week, by being cut on the barbed wire fence, making a gash about twelve inches long. O. P. Barrington and Mrs. Barnett dressed the wound. The cow is doing nicely now.

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A Norway man dropped his pocket-book, containing \$40 and a number of valuable papers, in the pligpen the other day, and the dogs promptly ate it up.

Miss Minnie Anne Plummer of South Paris goes to Florence, Italy, this month, where she is to take a course of study in music. She expects to be absent a year.

Judge C. F. Whitman of Norway has been invited to deliver the Memorial address at Bryant Pond, which he will accept if arrangements can be made so that they will not interfere with the exercises at West Sumner, where he has already been engaged to speak.

There is some one in almost every neighborhood who is subject to attacks of pain in the stomach or bilious colic. Mr. J. D. Kingley, Warrent Center, Pa., used to be troubled in this way. He says: "The attacks were marked by terrible pains, diarrhoea and fainting spells. At such times I suffered exceedingly until I began using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, two or three doses of which effected an immediate and lasting cure." For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant Pond.

Bladder Disease.

Bladder, Kidney and Urinary diseases are dreadful afflictions. Their progress is usually slow. Men and women suffer for years, and many die at last in great agony. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the one medicine that cures these diseases. It lifts people out of sick-beds, and restores them to vigorous health. Street beggars begin to come back as soon as the sufferer begins to take it.

"After several years," says Mr. Richard B. Brown, a commission merchant of 36 Washington street, New York, "I suffered from inflammation and ulceration of the bladder. My family physician was unable to relieve me. Specialists failed to do me any good. I kept growing worse. I had been confined to my bed five weeks, and I didn't think there was much chance of getting out of it. Well, I tried Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. In a few days I was able to get out of bed, and in a short time I recovered completely. I can now do 16 hours a day now, and to Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy all credit is due."

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LEGAL NOTICES.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter mentioned:

At Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the following probate proceedings were presented for the admission of

new list of one thousand in